



in conjunction with

Deep South Stocker Backgrounder Conference

Starkville, MS

Thursday, August 3rd, 2017

11:00 AM (CST) – Registration begins (trade show opens)

1:00 PM – Welcome and Introduction

1:15 PM – General Session I: Justifications of Stockmanship and Stewardship

1:15 PM Consumer Perceptions of Common Production Practices and Animal Welfare

2:00 PM Impact of Stress and Handling on Cattle Performance

2:30 PM Economics of Best Management Practices

3:00 PM – Break and Visit Trade Show

3:30 PM – Breakout Sessions: Practical Stewardship (Groups will rotate at 4:15 PM)

Best Management Practices for Castration, Dehorning, and Euthanasia

Forage and Nutrition Planning

5:00 PM – BQA with Chute Side Demonstrations

7:00 PM – Trade Show Reception and Dinner

Friday, August 4th, 2017

7:30 am – Breakfast and visit trade show

8:30 AM to Noon – Breakout Sessions: Practical Stockmanship (sessions 1 hour each)

Reading Cattle Behavior and Teaching Cattle to Respond

Low-Stress Cattle Handling – on horseback

Low-Stress Cattle Handling – on foot

10:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Break (between 2nd and 3rd breakout session)

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM General Session II: Best Management Practices

1:00 PM Environmental Stewardship Hot Topics

1:30 PM Combating Cowboy Tendencies

2:00 PM Conference Wrap Up

2:30 pm – Tour of MSU Beef Unit Stocker Facilities